GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme is largely affected due to differences between the concerned officials and contractors;

(b) whether any complaint has been received by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) regarding irregularties in road construction at Dhubri District of Assam under PMGSY scheme;

(c) if so, whether any enquiry had been conducted by the concerned authority; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the enquiry?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of the Government of India to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. Execution of rural roads under PMGSY is the responsibility of the State Governments. As per the reports received from all the States, out of 1,78,184 eligible habitations, 1,03,814 no. of habitations have been connected with 4,16,681 km of road length, including upgradation of roads with an expenditure of Rs.1,21,997 crore (till October, 2014) under PMGSY.

(b)to(d) In respect of complaints regarding irregularities in road construction under PMGSY, case is referred to the State Quality Coordinators (SQC) of respective States for taking necessary action. In case of non response within the prescribed time schedule; a mechanism has been institutionalized whereby the Ministry deputes National Quality Monitors (NQM) and the report of NQM is shared with the States for corrective action. A complaint about irregularities in five packages of road works in Dhubri district of Assam sanctioned under PMGSY received in the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), Ministry of Rural Development was enquired into by a NQM. The major findings of the NQM report includes poor quality of road construction, deficiency in contract management etc. The report of NQM has been shared with the State Government for corrective action as per the programme guidelines.